

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

[Prior to 6/15/88, see Professional Teaching Practices Commission[640] Ch 1]
[Prior to 5/16/90, see Professional Teaching Practices Commission[287] Ch 1]

282—1.1(272) Definition. The board of educational examiners shall hereinafter be referred to as the “board.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

282—1.2(272,17A) Organization and method of operation.

1.2(1) History. The board was created by Iowa Code chapter 272.

1.2(2) Composition. The board consists of 11 members appointed by the governor, each for a four-year term. The statutory membership includes five classroom teachers, four school administrators, and two public members, one of whom is the director of the department of education, who also serves as the chair of the board.

1.2(3) Executive director. The executive director is appointed by the board and acts as executive head of the agency. The executive director is responsible for the administration of the board.

1.2(4) Major statutory function. The board is created to exercise the exclusive authority to license practitioners and professional development programs, except for programs offered by practitioner preparation institutions or area education agencies and approved by the state board of education. Licensing authority includes the authority to establish criteria for the licenses, creation of application and renewal forms, development of a code of professional rights and responsibilities, practices, and ethics.

1.2(5) Conduct of business. The ordinary business of the board is conducted at its regular meetings generally held at the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

a. The composition of the board is defined in Iowa Code section 272.3.

b. The director of the department of education is the designated chair of the board; however, if the director does not serve on the board, the director shall appoint a designee. If the director does not sit on the board, the board shall biennially, at its last regularly scheduled meeting prior to May 1, elect a chair from its membership to begin serving on May 1.

c. The board shall approve annual meeting dates at its first meeting after June 30.

d. The board may schedule special meetings called by the chair or upon request to the chair by six members of the board or upon request of the executive director. Special meetings may be held by electronic means in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8.

e. The board will post the date, time, and location of board meetings.

f. Persons who wish to submit materials for the agenda and appear before the board, or whose presence has been requested by the board, will be provided the opportunity to address the board.

g. In order to be placed on the agenda, materials must be received at least two weeks prior to a scheduled board meeting. Materials from emergency or unusual circumstances may be added to the agenda with the chair’s approval.

h. The board will govern its meetings in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 21 and its proceedings by “Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised.”

i. All board meetings shall be open, and the public shall be permitted to attend the meetings, unless the board votes to hold a closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.

j. Persons in attendance at board meetings may be granted an opportunity to speak on an issue before the board at the discretion of the chair. The length and frequency of public comment will be at the discretion of the chair.

k. Information, submissions or requests. General inquiries regarding the board, requests for forms and other documents and all other requests and submissions may be addressed to the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147.

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